

EARLY BANKER IS HOME TODAY.

SCH. INDEPENDENCE II, BACK
FROM NEWFOUNDLAND COAST,
HAS 120,000 POUNDS.

Sch. Independence II, Capt. John McInnis, the first of the spring salt bankers to arrive home is here with 120,000 pounds of salt cod.

Capt. McInnis sailed from here on February 8 and fished on the Peak and Rose Blanche on the southern coast of Newfoundland where he secured his fare.

Sch. Senator, Capt. Ambrose Fleet, struck a school of pollock off here yesterday afternoon, and seined about 10,000 pounds which were brought in here and sold fresh. The other off shore arrival is sch. Hattie L. Trask from a Georges handlining with 35,000 pounds of salt cod.

Yesterday's catch of the gill netting fleet was approximately 40,000 pounds, the best trip landed by steamer Enterprise which boxed up 7000 pounds.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Independence II, South Newfoundland coast, 120,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Senator, shore seining, 10,000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Hattie L. Trask, Georges handlining, 35,000 lbs. salt cod.

Str. Ibsen, gill netting, 2300 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Alice, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Eagle, gill netting, 1800 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 1200 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Mindora, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Margaret D., gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nomad, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Bethulia, gill netting, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Venture, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Hope, gill netting, 1800 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Roamer, gill netting, 1900 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Geisha, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Marion Turner, shore.

Sch. Catherine D. Enos, shore.

Sch. Ellen C. Burke, via Boston.

Sch. Priscilla, shore.

Sch. Valentinna, shore.

Steamer Lois H. Corkum, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Senator Saulsbury, Georges handlining.

Sch. Mary F. Goulart, haddocking.

Sch. Mary F. Sears, haddocking.

Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, haddocking.

Sch. Flavilla, haddocking.

Sch. Rita A. Veator, haddocking.

Sch. Elmen E. Gray, Cape North, shacking.

Oyster Season Closes.

The oyster shipping season at Narragansett Bay ended Thursday and the oyster growers will now turn their attention to the destruction of the starfish, which is a great enemy of the oyster.

WEALTH OF ALASKA.

Value of Salmon Last Year Nearly
Equalled the Production of Gold.

"Alaska's reputation has rested largely upon its production of gold, but do you know that last year the territory produced in canned salmon almost its equal in value?" said F. C. Barron, a wealthy cannery of Juneau. "Of course, it was an unusual year. The catch of salmon all along the coast as far as the Behring Sea was the greatest that has been known in several years, and a better price was obtained."

"There is no accounting for the unusual run of salmon. This year it may not be half of what it was last. The value of the salmon catch in 1911 was almost double that of 1910. It amounted to nearly \$15,000,000, and the gold production was approximately \$17,000,000. In 1910 salmon sold for

60 cents a dozen cans, or \$2.40 a case. For last year's catch the cannery realized \$1.10 a dozen, or \$4.40 a case. The total output was more than 3,000,000 cases.

"Salmon is a peculiar kind of fish. The females, weighing perhaps 20 pounds, after they deposit their eggs, numbering close to 2,500, die, and it is up to the fishermen to catch them before they go into their death waters."

"Alaska is a great country, but to my mind it will never be anything but a mining and fishing territory."—Washington Post.

GILL NETTERS WERE HELD IN.

BLOWY WEATHER CAUSED THIS
BUSY FLEET TO REMAIN
AT WHARVES.

Sch. Paragon which arrived at Portland Friday from a halibut trip, and disposed of her halibut there, arrived here yesterday, bringing over 5000 pounds of fresh hake, left over from her trip.

Outside of this, not an arrival was reported here up to noon today. The gill netters were unable to fish Saturday on account of the blow. Yesterday some of the big crafts went out, but most of them came back again, steamer Margaret D. being the only one to get a lift and brought in 4000 pounds.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Paragon, via Portland, 5000 lbs. fresh hake.

Sch. Margaret D., gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Priscilla, shore.

Sch. Eva and Mildred, shore.

Sch. Shenandoah, pollock seining.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Priscilla, haddocking.

Sch. Edith Silveria, haddocking.

Sch. Lillian, Cape North, shacking.

Sch. Laverna, Cape North, shacking.

Sch. Benj. A. Smith, south seining.

Sch. Gov. Russell, dory handlining.

Sch. Senator, pollock seining.

Sch. Pilgrim, Boothbay Harbor, Me.

Sch. Tecumseh, Boston.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$3.75, mediums, \$3.25; snappers, \$2.25.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$4.37 1-2 per cwt.; medium, \$3.75; snappers, \$2.50.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$3.87 1-2; mediums, \$3.50; snappers, \$2.50.

Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.12 1-2; mediums, \$3.50.

Haddock, \$1.50.

Pollock, \$1.50.

Cusk, large, \$2.50, medium, \$2, snappers, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.50.

Fresh Fish.

Haddock, 70 cents per cwt.

Peak cod, large, \$1.75; medium, \$1.55; snappers, 75c.

Western cod, large, \$2; mediums, \$1.65; snappers, 75 cents.

All codfish not gilled, 10 cts. per 100 pounds less than the above.

Hake, 90 cts.

Cusk, large, \$1.40; medium, \$1.10, snappers, 60 cts.

Dressed pollock, 80c.; round, 70c.

Bank halibut, 10c. per lb. for white and 7 1-2 cents for gray.

MADE BIG HAULS OF MACKEREL.

TRAPS AND NETS AT CHINCO-
TEAGUE TOOK 10,000 FISH
ON SATURDAY.

The traps and netters still continue to find mackerel to the southward, about 10,000 fish being landed at Chincoteague Saturday and yesterday.

The fish reached Fulton market this morning and were selling at 35 cents apiece. A part of the shipment will be sent to the Boston market.

April 29.

GOOD PRICES OPEN FISH WEEK.

T WHARF HAS GOODLY NUMBER
OF FARES. SOME OF THEM
LARGE.

T wharf dealers had plenty of fish this morning for the opening trade of the week with 11 trips at the dock, including five of the off shore fleet with fairly good fares of haddock, cod, hake and cusk.

The largest fare of the morning is sch. Fannie E. Prescott with approximately 115,000 pounds mostly cod and hake.

Prices were better than they have been for several days, haddock selling at \$2 to \$3.50 a hundred weight, large cod, \$2.50 to \$3; market cod, \$1.75 to \$2; hake, \$1.25; pollock, \$2 to \$2.25; cusk, \$2 and halibut, 10 cents a pound for white and 8 cents a pound for gray.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:

Sch. Boyd and Leeds, 500 haddock, 24,000 cod.

Sch. John J. Fallon, 28,000 haddock, 16,000 cod, 5000 hake, 15,000 cusk, 4000 halibut.

Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, 4000 haddock, 50,000 cod, 45,000 hake, 15,000 cusk.

Sch. Manhasset, 25,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 2000 hake, 2000 cusk.

Sch. Rose Cabral, 25,000 haddock, 6000 cod.

Sch. W. M. Goodspeed, 44,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Thomas T. Carroll, 16,000 cod; Sch. Appomattox, 18,000 cod.

Sch. E. C. Hussey, 20,000 cod; Sch. Harriett, 50,000 cod, 10,000 hake.

10,000 cusk.

Sch. Robert and Arthur, 20,000 haddock, 15,000 cod.

Haddock, \$2 to \$3.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.50 to \$3; market cod, \$1.75 to \$2; hake, \$1.25; pollock, \$2 to \$2.25; cusk, \$2.

Portland Fish Notes.

After vainly trying to secure some of the big flounders off the entrance to Portland harbor for several weeks, the United States fisheries steamer Gannet has at last been successful and now has 2 of the fish to be taken to the hatchery at Boothbay. Of these 27 were secured last Wednesday and sent at once to the hatchery and Thursday five more were taken.

These flounders are big ones, and will run almost as large as chicken halibut. They are especially sought by the fisheries department because they yield a very large number of eggs and the spawn is very fertile so that the fish may easily be propagated.

The first really big haul of haddock eggs was also secured by the Gannet on Wednesday for 2,000,000 of them were taken from the fish netted off Portland. There had been practically no haddock spawn secured up to then, so that the landing of these was especially gratifying to the men at the hatchery.

Quite a number of the local fleet will engage in halibut fishing this spring. The schs. Angie B. Watson, Lechinvar and Mary E. Sennett were all fitting out for halibut at Commercial wharf, Friday, for the Banks, while the Edmund F. Black, which has been fishing on Roseway, is expected here this week with a good fare.

With the exception of the fares landed by the boat fishermen receipts of fish Friday were rather light. One trip of halibut was brought in by sch. Paragon, of this port, which has been fishing for three weeks on Quéro, Banks, she having in addition to 16,000 pounds of halibut, 3000 pounds of salt cod and 10,000 pounds of fresh hake. Capt. Harty of the New England Fish Company purchased the halibut at 6 1-2 cents and 9 cent.

Lost Some Trawls.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart was at Sandy Point last Thursday for shelter. Her trawls were set on Shelburne, but the storm compelled the vessel to leave them out. The trawls were secured later and 7000 pounds fish captured. Twelve tubs of gear were lost.

Other recent arrivals there for shelter were schs. Virginia, Mary E. Silveria, Harriett and Manhasset.

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In At North Sydney.

Sch. Arcadia, Capt. Doucette, arrived at North Sydney, Tuesday last for bait and supplies. She has 65 quintals of fish. Almost the entire fleet of American vessels is now on the grounds.

T Wharf Fish Landings.

The total landings of fresh ground fish at Boston for the week ending Friday, April 26 was 1,449,600 pounds from 55 arrivals against 1,732,200 pounds 71 arrivals for the same period in 1911.

Salt Mackerel Imports.

Imports of 1911 salt mackerel received at Boston to date has been 32,011 barrels.

Will Go Seining.

Sch. Agnes will fit for mackerel seining under command of Capt. John Seavey.

April 30.

T WHARF NOT SUFFERING.

HAS PLENTY OF NEW FISH IN
AND SOME WILL GO
OVER.

T wharf dealers had plenty of fish to meet the demands of the trade this morning, with a likelihood of some left over, just an even dozen fares, with approximately 600,000 pounds arriving since yesterday's report.

Sch. Jessie Costa of Provincetown has the largest trip of the morning, her haul being for 112,000 pounds. Sch. Joseph P. Johnson has 50,000 pounds, sch. Mary E. Silveria, 50,000 pounds, sch. Jeanette 100,000 pounds and the steam trawler Spray, 65,000 pounds.

Prices of haddock were \$1 to \$3 a hundred pounds, large cod, \$2.85 to \$3; market cod, \$1.80 to \$2; hake, \$1.35 to \$3; pollock, \$1.50 to \$1.75 and cusk, \$1.50.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:

Sch. Rose Standish, 8500 haddock, 1500 cod.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 2000 cod, 22,000 hake, 11,000 cusk.

Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 35,000 hake, 4000 cusk.

Str. Spray, 36,000 haddock, 28,000 cod.

Sch. Jeanette, 35,000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 15,000 hake, 20,000 cusk.

Sch. Mary E. Silveria, 15,000 haddock, 35,000 cod.

Sch. Mary B. Greer, 15,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Joseph P. Johnson, 16,000 haddock, 24,000 cod, 10,000 cusk.

Sch. Jessie Costa, 80,000 haddock, 32,000 cod.

Sch. Matchless, 45,000 haddock, 5500 cod.

Sch. Flavilla, 9000 haddock, 1500 cod.

Sch. Nettie Franklin, 15,000 haddock, 6000 cod.

Haddock, \$1 to \$3 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.85 to \$3; market cod, \$1.80 to \$2; hake, \$1.25 to \$3; pollock, \$1.50 to \$1.75; cusk, \$1.50.

Provincetown Fishing Notes.

The flounder dredging fleet which has been fishing off Hyannis will soon all be at home to fit out for mackerel dragging in waters from New Bedford to the Jersey coast. Prices have ruled low generally the past season for flounders.

The large gasoline boat belonging to the Fisherman Cold Storage Company was hauled out of the water the past week just east of the company's plant and it was found that worms had so badly eaten the keel that it has to be cut even with the bottom planking and a new keel bolted on. All other necessary repairs were made by carpenters Gardner and Hatch and members of the company's force of men.

April 30.

Caught Big Lobster

Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, Capt. Jack Robbins which arrived at T wharf, Boston, yesterday from a haddocking trip, reports the capture of a 12-pound lobster several days ago, which was pulled up on the trawls by John Stoddard one of the crew. The lobster, according to the story told, furnished a meal for the crew.